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“Ain’t Love Grand?”

Married life is very frustrating. In the first year of marriage, the man speaks and the woman listens.

In the second year, the woman speaks and the man listens. In the third year, they both speak and the neighbors listen.



‘Well’....

A couple came upon a wishing well. The wife leaned over, made a wish and threw in a penny. The husband decided to make a wish, too but he leaned over too much, fell into the well, and drowned. The wife was stunned for a moment but then smiled, “It really works!”

Bounceback E-mail Technique Used By Spammers

Have you received an increasing number of e-mail bouncebacks (returned e-mails marked “Non Delivery Receipt”) in your inbox? If so, you’re not alone. Internet Service Providers worldwide are reporting more complaints from customers who suddenly get dozens or hundreds of e-mails informing them that “the message you have sent has failed.” Most of the time, the culprits are spammers that insert gathered or random e-mail addresses into the “Sender” portion of their messages. Spammers like to spoof this information in order to sneak their messages past e-mail filters. When these e-mails are not deliverable, they may be returned to inboxes like yours even though they didn’t truly originate there. Referred to as *backscatter*, such e-mail bouncebacks come from legitimate e-mail servers that have been fooled by the spammers.

While these messages may appear troubling, receiving such e-mails does not necessarily point to a virus or spyware infection on your machine. There is likely nothing for you to worry about as long as you’re using virus protection software and updating it routinely. Simply delete the messages and ignore the irritation until this latest technique falls out of favor with spammers. Again, it is very important that you have antivirus protection installed and updated to reduce your computer’s vulnerability to attacks.

Enable Quick Search in Folders on Windows Vista

Windows Vista has a new feature that lets you quickly search in a folder by just starting to type, which will focus the search box. This comes in handy when searching a large folder.

To turn this on, click the **Organize** button in any folder, and select **Folder and Search Options** from the menu. In the **Folder Options** screen, click the **View** tab, and scroll the **Advanced settings** box down to the bottom. You should see “**Automatically type into the Search Box**” Click OK, and you should be able to search in the current folder by just starting to type. We typed in calc.exe while in the Windows \ system32 folder, and instantly came up with the right file.



From JESSIE'S KITCHEN NEIMAN-MARCUS COOKIES



Ingredients:

- 2 cups butter
- 24 oz. Chocolate chips
- 4 cups flour
- 2 cups brown sugar
- 2 tsp. Soda
- 1 tsp. Salt
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 8 oz. Hershey Bar (grated)
- 5 cups blended oatmeal
- 4 eggs
- 2 tsp. Baking powder
- 2 tsp. Vanilla
- 3 cups chopped nuts (your choice)

Cooking Instructions:

Measure oatmeal, and blend in a blender to a fine powder.
 Cream the butter and both sugars.
 Add eggs and vanilla, mix together with flour, oatmeal, salt, baking powder, and soda .
 Add chocolate chips, Hershey bar, and nuts.
 Roll into balls, and place two inches apart on a cookie sheet.
 Bake for 10 minutes at 375 degrees.
 Makes 112 cookies.

Protect Your Computer and Your Family

With just a few clicks of your mouse, you can help keep your family and PC safe. Cox includes free McAfee security software with every high-speed Internet account, and it's worth taking a few minutes to install this added protection and set up parental controls for your children. Once you've installed and activated the free Cox Security Suite powered by McAfee (available through the cox.net [Internet Tools link](#)), simply click on the Parental Controls option and you're on your way to safer surfing. You'll have greater comfort knowing your children are safeguarded from inappropriate content and pictures online. [Check it out!](#)

The closest I ever got to a 4.0 in college was my blood alcohol content.

I live in my own little world. But it's OK...they know me here.

I saw a woman wearing a sweat shirt with 'Guess' on it. I said, "Implants?"

Money can't buy happiness, but it sure makes misery easier to live with.

I don't do drugs anymore 'cause I find I get the same effect standing up really fast.

I got a sweater for Christmas... I wanted a screamer or a moaner.

If flying is so safe, why do they call the airport the terminal?



Goofy's Quips

WANTED: VOLUNTEERS FOR FUTURE DEMO'S



Minutes of January 20th Meeting

Submitted by Dee Hindman, Secretary



The meeting opened at 7:50 instead of 7:30, hoping Treasurer, Mary Alice would arrive. Dee read the past Minutes. Joe approved, Larry seconded... accepted as read.

Drawing:

Mary Cavallaro's name was drawn and she split \$12.00, \$6.00 for her and \$6.00 for our Treasury. Mary and Esther Edie were on the sick list. May all be in our prayers.

Our laptop computer now has two Gig of ram installed. Also, Mary Alice paid Joe \$31.71 for expenses he incurred replacing the laptop Remote Control.

Bill, please stay off the ground, (I mean ICE!)

Larry Pulls announced he did some computer maintenance by Defragging and Disk-cleaning his computer system and removed a large amount of Cookies. After that he no longer had the problem that he was having, loading and handling his digital photos.

We were happy to see Pat Cumpston up and around after her knee surgery. Both she and Dean had been on the sick list but were looking good at the meeting.

Our Treasurer, Mary Alice arrived late because of prior duties, but the Treasury Report was read and accepted.

Joe presented the demo showing how to improve your digital photos. A possible Demo was discussed for the February meeting, but no one volunteered to present one. Dean Cumpston suggested showing "Installation of Windows operating System", but declined when asked to present the demo showing how to do that.

Make sure you tell your Sweetheart "Happy Valentine's Day", and "I Love You!"
Lem McIntosh won "Stick-Around" Gold Dollar drawing. Meeting closed about 9:50.
See ya all on February 17th. Secretary, Dee Hindman

From the Office of the President



How many of you use or study the program of Excel? I use the program at least more than once a week. Cheryle and I use Excel for our paper routes. It helps us to keep records of our customers; our Daily Customers, Saturday Customers, Sunday Customers, and also our Holiday Customers, with headers like this:

DAILY SATURDAY SUNDAY HOLIDAY ADDRESS INSTRUCTIONS

Each of the 'cells' in Excel either has a formula or is ready for text.. In the behind the scenes of Excel the verticle lines are columns and are A to IV And the Rows are in Numbers.

Below is one of the formulas that is used in this application:

Daily =Sum(G:G)

Sat=Sum(H:H)

Sun=Sum(I:I)

Holiday=Sum(J:J)

When you put an X like in the daily box it would read the formula =If (A7 = "X",1 If (A7 = 2,2,0)) it would put a number in the daily spot and it will help keep a record for the 'Daily' and keep it up as long you mark that box of daily on the address. That will also go for the rest of the columns Hope to see you all at the February meeting

--- William L. Pennington, President

Intel Core Duo vs. Core 2 Duo: What's the Difference?

Severale people have written this writer, asking about Intel Core Duo CPUs vs. Intel Core 2 Duo CPUs. I figured it was time to tackle the topic.

Intel's really to blame here for a horrific naming convention. Any half-conscious marketing executive would commit suicide before putting both a numeral 2 and the word "duo" in the name of a product, particularly when there's also a product with "solo" in the name. But let's put that aside and look at the specs of each.

Core Duo is Intel's first dual-core CPU. It's a whole new architecture for Microsoft, using two cores on a single die, which, put simply, gives you two chips in one package. Running at lower speeds than the old Pentium line, the Core Duo conserves substantial power vs. ratcheting up clock speed while offering what was, at the time, record-breaking performance.

Now there's Core 2 Duo. In many ways Core 2 is the same as Core: The chips are built using the same production process and fit in the same sockets as Core Duo chips. Putting aside Core 2 Extreme (a fancy version of the Core 2 Duo), you won't see many spec changes: Both chips have the same front-side bus speed of 667MHz, but Core 2 Duo is now available at somewhat faster clock speeds. The front-side bus communicates between the CPU and RAM (and other components), and it's a notorious performance bottleneck for computers. The Core 2 also has the same L2 cache that the Core has. However, there are architecture changes to the silicon that give the Core 2 more sophisticated processing abilities. Both chips exist in desktop and laptop versions.

Why does all of this matter? Performance, pure and simple. In my tests, Core 2 Duo computers outperform Core Duo computers on tasks across the board, from rendering graphics and video to spell-checking documents. The speed improvement varies widely, but on average it's about 30 percent. That's significant in an industry that thrives on tiny, incremental improvement. Better yet, there's not an appreciable difference in battery life on notebooks, as power consumption for both chips (at the same clock speed) is about the same.

Now let's consider pricing. Initially, Core 2 chips were more expensive than Core, but that has changed, as Core is practically gone from the desktop market now. Surprisingly, you can now get a 2.13GHz Core 2 CPU for less than the price of a 1.66GHz Core CPU.

Still, expect to see some systems still on the market that use the Core CPU, especially in laptops. Performance is still very good with Core, so don't feel like you're getting second-class goods if you buy a Core Duo notebook, but remember you are buying a chip that Intel is no longer actively selling, and prices for Core 2 systems aren't really any different than they were for Cores. If it was my money, I'd hold out for a Core 2 system unless you got a great deal on a Core... which will be all but vanished from the market in a matter of months.

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